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SUBJ: CASE OF FRANCISCO ADUM ADUM

REF: GUAYAQUIL 0947

1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL KEEP ON ALERT FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD HELP MAKE SOLID CASE AGAINST ADUM. UNFORTUNATELY, SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 5 REFTEL HAVE TURNED OUT BE DEAD ENDS, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. CARLOS RAMIREZ VARGAS NOW SERVING SENTENCE AFTER PLEADING GUILTY, BUT HE IS NOT RPT NOT COOPERATING.

2. REGARDING INFORMATION RELATING TO ADUM ALREADY GATHERED BY VARIOUS AGENCIES OF USG, APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO MAKE USE OF ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION. WE RECOGNIZE IT MAY BE OF LIMITED VALUE IN EVIDENTIARY SENSE. WE HOPE HOWEVER THAT USEFUL "LEADS" COULD BE SIFTED OUT OF THIS MATERIAL WHICH GOE INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL COULD FOLLOW UP AND THEREBY STRENGTHEN CASE
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AGAINST ADUM. OUR ASSUMPTION HAS BEEN THAT ECUADOREAN

AUTHORITIES HAD PUT TOGETHER A PRELIMINARY CASE AGAINST ADUM PRIOR TO ARRESTING HIM LAST APRIL AND THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO FILL IN GAPS AT WORKING LEVEL WHILE TOP-LEVEL INTEREST IS GENERATED TO ENSURE WORKING-LEVEL EFFORTS GO AHEAD VIGOROUSLY.

3. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT ADUM HAS NOW BEEN RETURNED TO PRISON AND THAT GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS IS TAKING STRICTER VIEW ON TRANSFERS OF PRISONERS TO MEDICAL CLINICS. SINCE PRESENT CASE AGAINST ADUM IS WEAK (PARA 4 REFTTEL), WE AGREE BEST TACTIC IS TO DO ALL WE CAN TO ASSIST ECUADOREANS TO BUILD STRONG CASE BEFORE TRIAL. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE ADUM IS KEY FIGURE IN ECUADOREAN DRUG SCENE AND THAT THERE IS A CASE TO BE MADE IF WE CAN GENERATE ENOUGH TOP-LEVEL GOE PUSH. KISSINGER

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